

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1158

Hearing Date: February 12, 2008

Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Ashford)

Title: Provide economic development grants for private, nonprofit organizations in high-poverty areas

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, Raikes
0 No	
1 Absent	Senator Ashford
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Brad Ashford
Thomas H. Warren, Sr.
Ola M. Anderson
John Lindsay

Representing:

Introducer
Urban League of Nebraska
Urban League of Nebraska
Omaha Public Schools

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

Legislative Bill 1158 would require the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area to partner with and private, nonprofit organizations that serve high poverty areas in job training and job development. The Board of Governors would award matching grants to such entities. The intent of the legislature would be to appropriate up to four-hundred thousand dollars for each of the fiscal years beginning in 2008-09 through 2012-13.

High poverty area would mean an area within the limits of a city of the metropolitan class in which thirty percent or more of the families are below the poverty line. The areas would be determined using census tracts.

Private, nonprofit organization would mean an entity whose purpose is providing basic job and life skills training to individuals in need of such.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson